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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I verily believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **BROADCAST TECHNOLOGY FOR AN AUTOMATIC METER READING SYSTEM** the specification of which:

() is attached hereto.

(xx) was filed on April 8, 1997 as Application Serial No. 08/835,261.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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Country	Number	Date Filed	Priority Claimed

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